

## NEW HAVEN ROAD SELLS ITS STEAMBOAT LINES?

Likely to Be Taken Over To-day by Eastern Steamship Corporation.

HELD AT ABOUT \$26,000,000

Railroad Now Owns 20 Per Cent. Interest in the Purchasing Concern.

Boston, Oct. 22.—It is believed that the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company will dispose of its Long Island Sound steamboat lines to-morrow to the Eastern Steamship Corporation. Neither the New Haven officials nor those of the Eastern corporation will directly confirm the report that the former is about to transfer its steamship lines to the latter because of the new Federal law requiring railroad companies to dispose of their interests in companies which could compete with their railroads, but there is no question that such a deal is pending.

President Mellen of the New Haven recently said that a plan for the disposal of the New England Steamship Company to the Eastern corporation was under consideration and to-day Vice-President Jones of the latter concern said that President Austin would make a definite statement to-morrow.

It is said that every detail of the purchase has been completed by President Austin and that definite action will be taken to-morrow morning at a meeting of the board of directors of the corporation.

Such a sale will mean the absorption of practically all the steamship lines running in New England waters to New York and the Province's and will bring them all directly under the control of the Eastern corporation. The Sound steamboats are owned by the New England Steamship Company, which company is owned by the New England Navigation Company, a property of the New Haven road. The boats of the company run in Long Island Sound between New York and Providence, New London, New Bedford, Fall River, Stamford and other ports.

The report submitted last year by the Massachusetts Validation Commission for the New Haven railroad contains the only detailed inventory ever published relating to the marine investments involved in the proposed sale. It is understood that these investments have recently been valued by the New Haven road at about \$26,000,000.

The figures in the validation board's report are as of June 30, 1910, and cover operations of the following marine companies: Providence and Stonington Steamship Company, Norwich and New York Transportation Company, New Haven Steamboat Company, New London Steamboat Company, Bridgeport Steamboat Company and Old Colony Steamboat Company.

On that date the New Haven carried the investments in question on its books at \$17,559,721, made up as follows: Steamships, \$1,164,505; floating equipment, \$12,134,970; goods will, \$3,606,250; leaseholds, \$1,169,318; materials and supplies, \$186,669; cash, \$301,760; current assets, \$19,497; less accrued interest, \$164,505; \$154,982; miscellaneous debit balance, \$13,250; marine disaster account, \$145,800; insurance fund, \$176,783; total, \$18,209,219. From this was to be deducted audited vouchers, railroad clearance account, wages and salaries, reserve, agents' relief, marine insurance fund, totaling \$919,497, making the net book assets devoted to marine business \$17,559,721. The net earnings for the year ended June 30, 1910, for these properties were officially stated to have been \$727,460, or about 4.18 per cent. on the above \$17,559,721 investment, the gross income showing \$5,044,736, against which there were operating expenses of \$4,317,275 and taxes of \$65,104.

The New Haven Company owns a substantial interest in the Eastern Steamship Corporation, but is not represented in the directorate and it is understood the holdings are for investment purposes. Vice-President Byrnes of the New Haven, speaking of that company's interest in the Eastern corporation, said that the railroad owned a 20 per cent. interest. This, he said, was represented by 15,000 shares of preferred and 20,000 shares of common stock, valued at \$2,392,500. He said the railroad also held 5 per cent. mortgage bonds to the value of \$2,500,000.

This interest in the steamship corporation gave the railroad company a voting strength of 15 per cent. Speaking of that, however, Mr. Byrnes declared that the railroad had no representation in the steamship corporation and did not want any.

New HAVEN, Oct. 22.—It was stated to-night by an official of the New Haven road that the sale of the Long Island Sound lines of the road to the Eastern Steamship Corporation of Boston was under consideration and that within the next twenty-four or forty-eight hours the sale might become a fact. This official declined to make public the price the Eastern Steamship Company would pay for the property. All the details for the transfer have been completed except as to the matter of price and it is believed here to-night that the officials representing the two corporations will agree upon figures at to-morrow's meeting of the directors of the Eastern Steamship Company in Boston.

## UNCLE SAM'S AUCTION IS ON.

Articles Sold First Day Bring More Than Appraised Value.

Uncle Sam began yesterday his semi-annual auction of unclaimed immigrants' baggage and unclaimed merchandise that has been in the public stores for three years. During that period Collector Loeb succeeded in gathering samples of pretty nearly everything from hand sewing needles to great iron revolving drums.

It is true there are no live animals, but there are tiger and leopard skins and the dried skins of goats, moving picture machines and boxing gloves, hair oil and time tables, goldmine samples and disinfectant, ointment and electric light bulbs, hair color restorers and rabbit hair bedding.

One hundred men and ten women attended the sale at the Appraiser's Stores, Washington and Christopher streets. Prices paid totaled \$2,163.15, approximately \$400 more than the appraised home value of the articles. The highest amount bid was \$177.50 on 31,500 postcards which were valued by the appraisers at \$353.70. Two steel doors valued at \$72.50 went for \$10.50 and six rolls of moving picture films, negatives, valued at \$250, brought more than their appraised value.

To-day's sale will be a riotous one if the bidders insist upon sampling some of the articles listed, as more than 100 gallons of Scotch whiskey, St. Croix and Jamaica rum, port and sherry wines and champagne and cordials are to be disposed of, also seventy-one gallons of Greek wine. All the appearances of an automobile will be put up.

## LOVESICK YOUTH KILLS HIMSELF IN GIRL'S HOME

Barred From Seeing Sweetheart He Fires a Bullet Into His Head and Dies.

Toby Tyson, 15 years old, who lived with his widowed mother at 144 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn, shot himself in the head yesterday morning at the home of Alvah Ross, a fourteen-year-old girl, at 614 Atlantic avenue, when her mother refused to let him see her. He died within two hours in the Holy Family hospital.

Toby and Alvah became acquainted about three years ago when both were in Public School 15 in State street. The boy's growing attachment for the girl became so pronounced that Mrs. Ross decided to put a stop to his attentions and a week ago she told him he must never come to the house again. He complained to his mother about the rebuff and said that there was no one in the world who could keep him and Alvah apart. When the boy went away from his home yesterday morning he told his mother he was going to Bay Ridge, but he went to the home of Alvah Ross, two blocks away, and going to the third floor, where Mrs. Ross occupied, knocked at the dining room door.

"What do you want here?" Mrs. Ross asked. "I told you never to come here again."

"But I want to see Alvah," he said, "and neither you nor locked doors can prevent me."

The boy put his shoulder to the door and forced his way in. Mrs. Ross, alarmed at the safety of her daughter, who was in the kitchen, shouted to her to go down the fire escape.

"So that's the way you are going to do," the boy yelled, making a rush toward the kitchen with the woman blocking his way.

Then he drew a revolver from his coat pocket, placed it to the side of his head and fired two shots. One of the bullets went wild and the other entered the skull just over the right ear.

A policeman called an ambulance from the hospital and the boy died there before his mother arrived.

## RAILROAD TAXES BOOSTED.

New Jersey Puts Valuation of Property Up \$37,994,664.

TRENTON, Oct. 22.—An increase of \$37,994,664 in the assessed valuation of railroads and canal property in New Jersey was shown in a report filed with the State Comptroller to-day by the State Board of Assessors.

This will mean that for the current year the actual tax paid by the railroads will be \$6,183,530, as against \$5,347,324 last year, or an increase of \$836,005.

The total valuations of all railroad property as shown by the report amount to \$24,541,117, as against \$20,346,463 last year. The assessment of the Pennsylvania system was increased from \$9,844,612 to \$11,078,317.

Other increases were as follows: Central of New Jersey, from \$5,688,676 to \$6,174,201; Lackawanna, from \$4,246,283 to \$5,384,856; Lehigh Valley, from \$2,468,594 to \$3,076,333; Erie, from \$2,704,328 to \$2,740,007; Philadelphia and Reading, from \$1,414,304 to \$1,492,744.

Gets Husband Out of Jail for Suit. Andrew B. Diller, who is in Ludlow street jail on a body execution, will be taken to the Supreme Court to-day on a writ of habeas corpus got by his wife, Mrs. Katherine B. Diller, who is suing to annul their marriage. In applying for the writ Mrs. Diller told Justice Greenbaum that his testimony was necessary to establish her case.

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